

In the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as follows (the changes in these Claims are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter and underlines for added matter). A complete listing of the claims proper claim identifiers is set forth below.

Claims 1 – 33 (canceled).

Claim 34 (currently amended). A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 9 ~~58~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 35 (canceled).

Claim 36 (currently amended). A method for treating or preventing a cardiovascular disease in a patient, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment or prevention a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 9 ~~58~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claims 37 – 55 (canceled).

Claim 56 (currently amended). A method of treating or preventing a disease or disorder that is capable of being treated or prevented by increasing HDL levels, which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 9 ~~58~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 57 (currently amended). A method of treating or preventing a disease or disorder that is capable of being treated or prevented by lowering LDL levels, which comprises administering to a patient in need of such treatment a

therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 9 58 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 58 (previously presented). A compound or pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof selected from:

t-Butyl 1-[9-[1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)cyclopropyl]-5-oxononyl]-1-cyclopropanecarboxylate,
Diethyl 10-oxo-2,2,18,18-tetramethyl-nonadecanedioate,
11-(1-Carboxycyclopropyl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-oxoundecanoic acid,
1-[9-(1-Carboxycyclopropyl)-5-oxononyl]-1-cyclopropanecarboxylic,
11-(1-Carboxycyclobutyl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-oxoundecanoic acid,
1-[9-(1-Carboxycyclobutyl)-5-oxononyl]-1-cyclobutanecarboxylic acid,
1-[9-(1-Carboxycyclopentyl)-5-oxononyl]-1-cyclopentylcarboxylic acid,
13-(1-Carboxycyclopropyl)-2,2-dimethyl-8-oxotridecanoic acid,
1-[11-(1-Carboxycyclopropyl)-6-oxoundecyl]-1-cyclopropane carboxylic acid,
1-[11-(1-Carboxycyclopentyl)-6-oxoundecyl]-1-cyclopentane carboxylic acid,
10-Oxo-2,2,18,18-tetramethyl-nonadecanedioic acid.

Claim 59 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is *t*-Butyl 1-[9-[1-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)cyclopropyl]-5-oxononyl]-1-cyclopropanecarboxylate, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 60 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is Diethyl 10-oxo-2,2,18,18-tetramethyl-nonadecanedioate, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 61 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is 11-(1-

Carboxycyclopropyl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-oxoundecanoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 62 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is 1-[9-(1-

Carboxycyclopropyl)-5-oxononyl]-1-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 63 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is 11-(1-

Carboxycyclobutyl)-2,2-dimethyl-7-oxoundecanoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 64 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is 1-[9-(1-

Carboxycyclobutyl)-5-oxononyl]-1-cyclobutanecarboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 65 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is 1-(9-(1-

Carboxycyclopentyl)-5-oxononyl]-1-cyclopentylcarboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 66 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is 13-(1-

Carboxycyclopropyl)-2,2-dimethyl-8-oxotridecanoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 67 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is 1-[11-(1-

Carboxycyclopropyl)-6-oxoundecyl]-1-cyclopropane carboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 68 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is 1-[11-(1-

Carboxycyclopentyl)-6-oxoundecyl]-1-cyclopentane carboxylic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.

Claim 69 (previously presented). A compound of claim 58 wherein said compound is 10-Oxo-

2,2,18,18-tetramethyl-nonadecanedioic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, hydrate, or solvate thereof.